

## MINUTES

### STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room  
John A. Hannah Building  
608 West Allegan  
Lansing, Michigan

January 15, 2013  
9:30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman  
Mr. John C. Austin, President  
Dr. Casandra E. Ulbrich, Vice President  
Mr. Daniel Varner, Secretary  
Dr. Richard Zeile, Treasurer  
Ms. Michelle Fecteau, NASBE Delegate  
Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny  
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus  
Mrs. Eileen Weiser  
Mr. Greg Tedder, representing Governor Rick Snyder, ex officio

Also Present: Ms. Bobbi Jo Kenyon, 2012-2013 Michigan Teacher of the Year

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 9:54 a.m.

#### II. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEM

- A. Information on HealthierUS School Challenge Six Month Update dated December 10, 2012

#### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

**Dr. Ulbrich moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mrs. Marilyn Schneider, State Board Executive, introduced members of the State Board of Education and the Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Schneider welcomed Ms. Michelle Fecteau and Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny who were beginning their eight-year terms on the State Board of Education.

V. CEREMONIAL SWEARING IN OF MICHELLE FECTEAU AND LUPE RAMOS-MONTIGNY

Mr. Flanagan said it is the Board's custom to have a ceremonial swearing in for newly elected Board members. He said Ms. Michelle Fecteau and Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny were elected by the voters during the November 6, 2012 election, and they have been officially sworn in.

Mr. Flanagan administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Michelle Fecteau and Ms. Lupe Ramos-Montigny.

Ms. Ramos-Montigny and Ms. Fecteau introduced their guests.

Mr. Austin welcomed Ms. Ramos-Montigny and Ms. Fecteau. He said the Board will benefit from their diverse backgrounds.

VI. ELECTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICERS FOR 2013-2014

Mr. Flanagan said the By-laws of the State Board of Education state that at the January meeting of each odd numbered year, the voting members of the State Board of Education shall elect from their membership, a President or Co-Presidents, Vice President or Co-Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and National Association of State Boards of Education Delegate.

- A. Mr. Flanagan declared nominations open for the President of the State Board of Education.

**Mrs. Straus nominated Mr. John Austin for President of the State Board of Education. Mrs. Weiser supported the nomination.**

Mr. Flanagan asked if there were additional nominations for President.

Since there were no further nominations, Mr. Flanagan declared that the nominations be closed.

Mr. Flanagan asked if Mr. Austin would accept the nomination, and Mr. Austin said he would accept the nomination.

**A roll-call vote was taken on the motion of President of the State Board of Education.**

**Austin – Austin  
Fecteau – Austin  
Ramos-Montigny – Austin  
Straus – Austin  
Ulbrich – Austin  
Varner – Austin  
Weiser – Austin  
Zeile – Austin**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Flanagan declared Mr. Austin President of the State Board of Education.**

- B. Mr. Flanagan declared nominations open for the Vice President of the State Board of Education.

**Mr. Austin nominated Dr. Casandra Ulbrich for Vice President of the State Board of Education. Ms. Ramos-Montigny supported the nomination.**

Mr. Flanagan asked if there were additional nominations for Vice President.

Since there were no further nominations, Mr. Flanagan declared that the nominations be closed.

Mr. Flanagan asked if Dr. Ulbrich would accept the nomination, and Dr. Ulbrich said she would accept the nomination.

**A roll-call vote was taken on the motion of Vice President of the State Board of Education.**

**Austin – Ulbrich  
Fecteau – Ulbrich  
Ramos-Montigny – Ulbrich  
Straus – Ulbrich  
Ulbrich – Ulbrich  
Varner – Ulbrich  
Weiser – Ulbrich  
Zeile – Ulbrich**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Flanagan declared Dr. Ulbrich Vice President of the State Board of Education.**

- C. Mr. Flanagan declared nominations open for the Secretary of the State Board of Education.

**Dr. Ulbrich nominated Mr. Varner for Secretary of the State Board of Education. Mrs. Straus supported the nomination.**

Mr. Flanagan asked if there were additional nominations for Secretary.

Since there were no further nominations, Mr. Flanagan declared that the nominations be closed.

Mr. Flanagan asked if Mr. Varner would accept the nomination, and Mr. Varner said he would accept the nomination.

**A roll-call vote was taken on the motion of Secretary of the State Board of Education.**

**Austin – Varner  
Fecteau – Varner  
Ramos-Montigny – Varner  
Straus – Varner  
Ulbrich – Varner  
Varner – Varner  
Weiser – Varner  
Zeile – Varner**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Flanagan declared Mr. Varner Secretary of the State Board of Education.**

- D. Mr. Flanagan declared nominations open for the Treasurer of the State Board of Education.

**Mrs. Weiser nominated Dr. Zeile for Treasurer of the State Board of Education. Mr. Austin supported the nomination.**

Mr. Flanagan asked if there were additional nominations for Treasurer.

Since there were no further nominations, Mr. Flanagan declared that the nominations be closed.

Mr. Flanagan asked if Dr. Zeile would accept the nomination, and Dr. Zeile said he would accept the nomination.

**A roll-call vote was taken on the motion of Treasurer of the State Board of Education.**

**Austin – Zeile  
Fecteau – Zeile  
Ramos-Montigny – Zeile  
Straus – Zeile  
Ulbrich – Zeile  
Varner – Zeile  
Weiser – Zeile  
Zeile – Zeile**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Flanagan declared Dr. Zeile Treasurer of the State Board of Education.**

- E. Mr. Flanagan declared nominations open for the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Delegate of the State Board of Education.

**Mrs. Straus nominated Ms. Fecteau for NASBE Delegate of the State Board of Education. Ms. Ramos-Montigny supported the nomination.**

Mr. Flanagan asked if there were additional nominations for NASBE Delegate.

Since there were no further nominations, Mr. Flanagan declared that the nominations be closed.

Mr. Flanagan asked if Ms. Fecteau would accept the nomination, and Ms. Fecteau said she would accept the nomination.

**A roll-call vote was taken on the motion of NASBE Delegate of the State Board of Education.**

**Austin – Fecteau  
Fecteau – Fecteau  
Ramos-Montigny – Fecteau  
Straus – Fecteau  
Ulbrich – Fecteau  
Varner – Fecteau  
Weiser – Fecteau  
Zeile – Fecteau**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Flanagan declared Ms. Fecteau NASBE Delegate of the State Board of Education.**

VII. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MR. MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan showed a video clip demonstrating the power of words.

VIII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 10:12 a.m.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

IX. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

X. PRESENTATION ON STATUS OF 2012-2013 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION/MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REFORM PRIORITIES

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Susan Broman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Great Start; and Ms. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent; presented on Status of 2012-2013 State Board of Education/Michigan Department of Education Reform Priorities.

Mr. Flanagan said the State Board of Education adopted State Board of Education/Michigan Department of Education Reform Priorities on June 12, 2012, and the presentation is a mid-year update of the progress made.

The Deputy Superintendents reviewed highlights of the document including completed items and those in progress.

Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services, joined the presenters at the table to answer questions.

Board member discussion included the return on investment in early childhood and teacher quality, incongruence of qualifications for traditional teacher preparation programs and alternate routes to certification, experimental programs offered by universities, collaboration with non-profit partners, teacher evaluations, early childhood collaborative recruitment and enrollment to maximize resources, caution that quality is not one-dimensional, concern for the end product rather than the means, and measurable goal statements in future reform priorities.

XI. PRESENTATION ON THE PROPOSED REVISIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR MICHIGAN TEACHERS

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Professional Preparation Services; Dr. Sara-Kate Lavan, Education Consultant, Professional Preparation Services; and Mr. Thomas Bell, Higher Education Consultant, Professional Preparation Services; presented on the Proposed Revisions of the Professional Standards for Michigan Teachers.

Mr. Flanagan said in pursuit of the Board's priority for Preparation and Training for Effective Educators, staff is presenting the Proposed Revisions of the Professional Standards for Michigan Teachers. He said these standards would be used for initial teacher preparation for new teacher candidates and for ongoing professional learning for practicing teachers.

Information was shared through a [PowerPoint](#) presentation.

Board member discussion included learning progressions, critical dispositions, use of data, respect for diversity, recognition of personal bias, accreditation of teacher preparation institutions, relationship of the standards between current law and the Michigan Council for Educator Effectiveness, surveying teachers at least six months after beginning a teaching job, data on reasons teachers leave the profession, and stakeholder involvement in the development of the standards.

Following a period of public comment, the standards will be presented to the Board for approval in March.

XII. PRESENTATION ON MICHIGAN OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME STANDARDS OF QUALITY

Ms. Susan Broman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Great Start; Dr. Lindy Buch, Director Early Childhood Education and Family Services; and Ms. Lorraine Thoreson, Consultant, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers presented the Michigan Out-of-School Time Standards of Quality.

Mr. Flanagan said the Michigan Out-of-School Time Standards of Quality is a document supporting the learning and development of youth in high quality programs.

Information was shared through a [PowerPoint](#) presentation.

Board member discussion included the Michigan School Age Youth Development Credential, program licensing requirements, program guidance, transportation, and inclusion of children with special needs.

Following a period of public comment, the standards will be presented to the Board for approval in March.

XIII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Mr. Tedder let the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

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XIV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

A. Mr. John Lauve, Holly, Michigan. Mr. Lauve provided verbal comments and written information on the duties of the State Board of Education and a standardized financial accounting system.

XV. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MR. MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan asked Deputy Superintendents to introduce newly hired employees to the State Board of Education.

Ms. Carol Wolenberg introduced Ms. Joetta Parker, Director, Human Resources; Ms. Jane Schultz, Director, Financial Management; Mr. Chad Urchike, State Aid and School Finance; and Mr. Christopher May, State Aid and School Finance.

Ms. Susan Broman introduced Mr. Jeremy Reuter, Ms. Laquesha Childs, Ms. Kathleen Walker, and Ms. Bridget Walston, from the Office of Great Start.

Dr. Sally Vaughn introduced Mr. Alex Clark, Professional Preparation Services; Ms. Margaret Frommert, Field Services; and Ms. Katie Schmiedeknecht, Professional Preparation Services.

XVI. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 1:35 p.m. to reconvene the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

XVII. PRESENTATION ON MICHIGAN TEST FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION  
THREE-YEAR CUMULATIVE REPORT FOR 2009-2012

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Professional Preparation Services; and Ms. Leah Breen, Assistant Director, Professional Preparation Services; presented Michigan Test for Teacher Certification Three-Year Cumulative Report for 2009-2012.



Mr. Flanagan said the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification basic skills and content tests are required for teacher certification in Michigan. He said content tests are developed using standards which are aligned with and support Michigan's K-12 Curriculum Framework and Benchmarks, as well as Grade Level Content Expectations, High School Content Expectations, and their alignment to the Common Core Standards.

Mr. Flanagan said the current report provides individual teacher preparation institutions and aggregate content test pass percentages for 2009-2012 as well as the three-year comparison cumulative pass rates for 2008-2011 and 2007-2010.

Information was provided through a [PowerPoint](#) presentation.

Board member discussion included components of the score, increased enrollment criteria curtailing candidates in the desired areas of recruitment, the relevance of the length of time to complete the program, proper supports for students, caution not to discourage innovation, early childhood credentialing and professional development opportunities related to teacher preparation performance scores, supply and demand of teachers, and the need for accountability and transparency of public information coupled with proper supports for students.

XVIII. PRESENTATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MICHIGAN ONLINE EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION SYSTEM (MOECS)

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Professional Preparation Services; and Mr. Michael Mekhayel, Analyst, Professional Preparation Services; presented on the Implementation of the Michigan Online Educator Certification System (MOECS).

Dr. Jenkins and Mr. Mekhayel explained the Michigan Online Educator Certification System and feedback from a survey of educators.

Information was shared through a [PowerPoint](#) presentation.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 12:12 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **XX. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

- H. Approval of Minutes of Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of December 11, 2012

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mr. Varner, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of December 11, 2012.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

### **XXI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Austin thanked the Board for electing him as President of the State Board of Education. He said all Board members are welcome to participate in committees of the Board.

Mr. Austin said the Agenda Planning Committee is comprised of the President, Vice President and Secretary: Mr. Austin, Dr. Ulbrich and Mr. Varner.

Mr. Austin said Dr. Ulbrich will chair the Board's Legislative Committee, and members are Ms. Ramos-Montigny, Mrs. Weiser, and Mrs. Straus. There was Board consensus.

Mr. Austin said Mrs. Straus will chair the School Health Committee, and Dr. Zeile will serve on the committee. There was Board consensus.

Mr. Austin said Mrs. Straus and Ms. Fecteau will serve on the Michigan School for the Blind Trust Fund Committee. There was Board consensus.

Mr. Austin distributed information on proposed community forums designed to encourage thoughtful public discourse regarding education. He said the Board will be asked to vote on approval of the forums later in the meeting.

Following discussion, Mr. Varner said it would be helpful to begin the forums with a set of slides detailing the education responsibilities of the State Board of Education, State Superintendent, Michigan Department of Education, Governor, Legislature and local districts. Mr. Flanagan said Department staff will develop the slides and assist with communications when forum dates and locations are established.

Mr. Austin said it is important to give parents information about the quality of schools as the number of charter and cyber schools increases. He said it is important to have quality schools that are accountable and transparent so that families can make decisions. He said authorizing school entities should be held accountable just as school districts are held accountable, and schools that are struggling can learn from schools that are performing well. Mr. Flanagan said the Agenda Planning Committee could discuss this as a future Board meeting presentation.

XXII. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Report

- I. Human Resources Report
- J. Report on Property Transfer Decisions

Grants

- K. Report on Grant Awards
  - 2011-2012 Title I, Part A Schoolwide Program Planning Grant – Amendment
  - 2012-2013 Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs – Amendment
  - 2012-2013 Title I, Part D – Prevention and Intervention for Neglected and Delinquent – Initial
  - 2012-2013 Title VI, Part B, Rural and Low Income School Program – Initial
  - 2012-2013 State Personnel Development Grant Under the IDEA – Initial

Mr. Flanagan shared an update of his visit to Kentwood Public Schools. He said a regional list of Reward Schools will be sent to State Board members, so that school visits can be arranged.

Dr. Ulbrich and Mrs. Weiser left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

XXIII. REPORT OF THE MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Ms. Bobbi Jo Kenyon, 2012-2013 Michigan Teacher of the Year, presented the Report of the Michigan Teacher of the Year. She provided a verbal update to her written report including a PowerPoint explaining her teaching process and her assessment of student learning.

XXIV. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Martin Ackley, Director, Public and Governmental Affairs, said that in the interest of time, he would forgo his report.

Mr. Austin said the Board's Legislative Committee will meet on a date to be determined.

Based on discussion during the President's Report, a motion was made.

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mr. Varner, that the State Board of Education approve conducting a series of public forums around the state to encourage and facilitate public engagement and thoughtful discussion of current education issues, education reforms, financing proposals, and potential legislation.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, Fecteau, Ramos-Montigny, Straus, Varner, Zeile**

**Absent: Ulbrich, Weiser**

**The motion carried.**

XXV. CONSENT AGENDA

M. Approval of Request to Change Name of Eaton Intermediate School District to Eaton Regional Education Service Agency

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda as follows:**

**M. approve the Eaton Intermediate School District to change its name to Eaton Regional Education Service Agency, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated December 21, 2012.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, Fecteau, Ramos-Montigny, Straus, Varner, Zeile**

**Absent: Ulbrich, Weiser**

**The motion carried.**

XXVI. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Dr. Zeile said Mr. Flanagan is the longest serving State Superintendent of those currently in office. Dr. Zeile said he has great respect for Mr. Flanagan and he admires his commitment to education, team building skills, positive attitude, and willingness to affirm the positive in others. Board members joined Dr. Zeile in applauding Mr. Flanagan.

XXVII. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Flanagan said Board members may contact a member of the Agenda Planning Committee comprised of Mr. Austin, Dr. Ulbrich, and Mr. Varner with suggestions for agenda topics.

XXVIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. Tuesday, February 12, 2013 (9:30 a.m.)
- B. Tuesday, March 12, 2013 (9:30 a.m.)
- C. Tuesday, April 9, 2013 (9:30 a.m.)
- D. Tuesday, May 14, 2013 (9:30 a.m.)

XXIX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

The video archive of the meeting is available at [www.michigan.gov/sbe](http://www.michigan.gov/sbe).

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Varner  
Secretary